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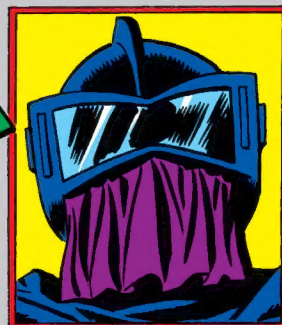
HERE COMES...

# DAREDEVIL



THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

AT LAST! SEE THE  
MASKED MARAUDER  
UNMASKED!



IT'S ONE OF  
OUR LEAST-  
INSPIRED  
TITLES...  
BUT THE  
STORY'S  
A BLAST!!

"STILT-MAN  
STRIKES AGAIN!"



**DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!**

# STILT-MAN STRIKES AGAIN

HONEST, WE PROMISE YOU,  
OUR SPELL-BINDING *SAGA*,  
IS FAR MORE INSPIRING  
THAN THE SOMEWHAT  
PEDESTRIAN  
TITLE WHICH  
IT BEARS!

IT WAS  
GREAT, TAKING  
THE AFTERNOON  
OFF SO I COULD  
SPEEDADDLE  
AROUND TOWN  
FOR A WHILE!

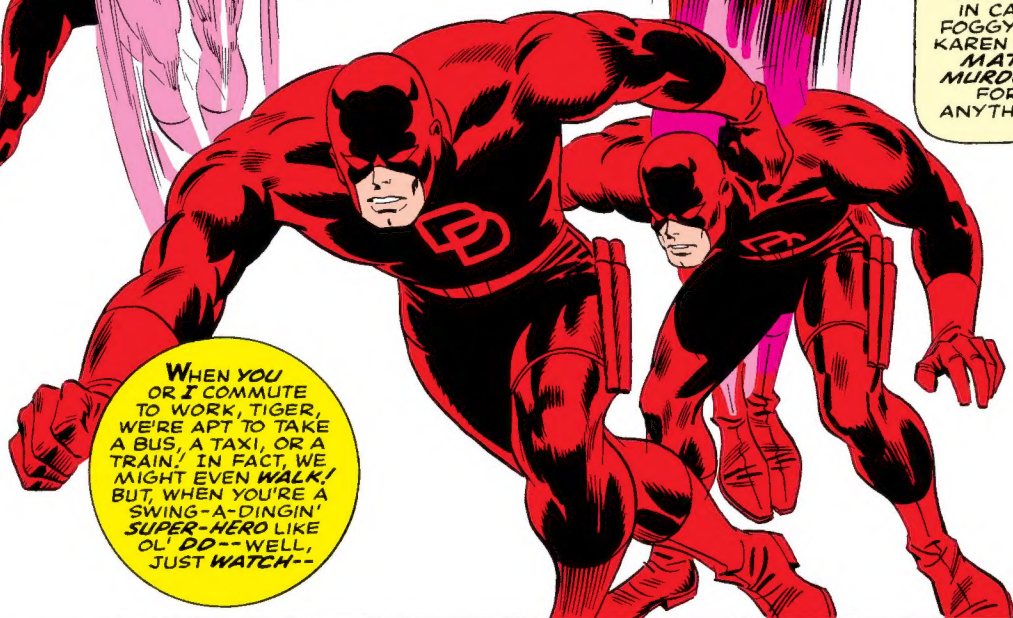
BUT, I  
DIDN'T  
REALIZE  
HOW  
LATE  
IT WAS  
GETTING!

PULSE-POUNDING  
PRESENTATION BY:  
*SMILIN'* GENIAL  
**STAN LEE and GENE COLAN**

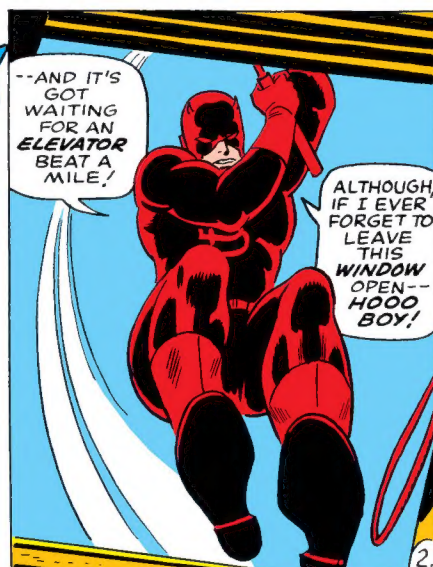
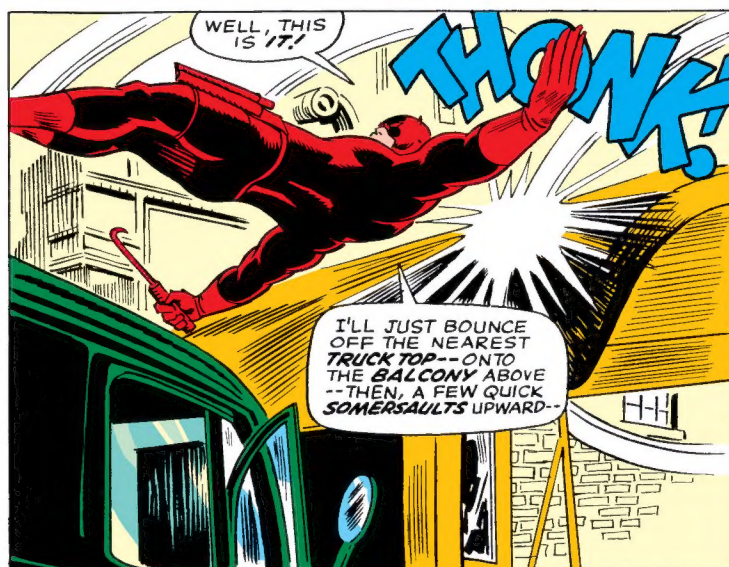
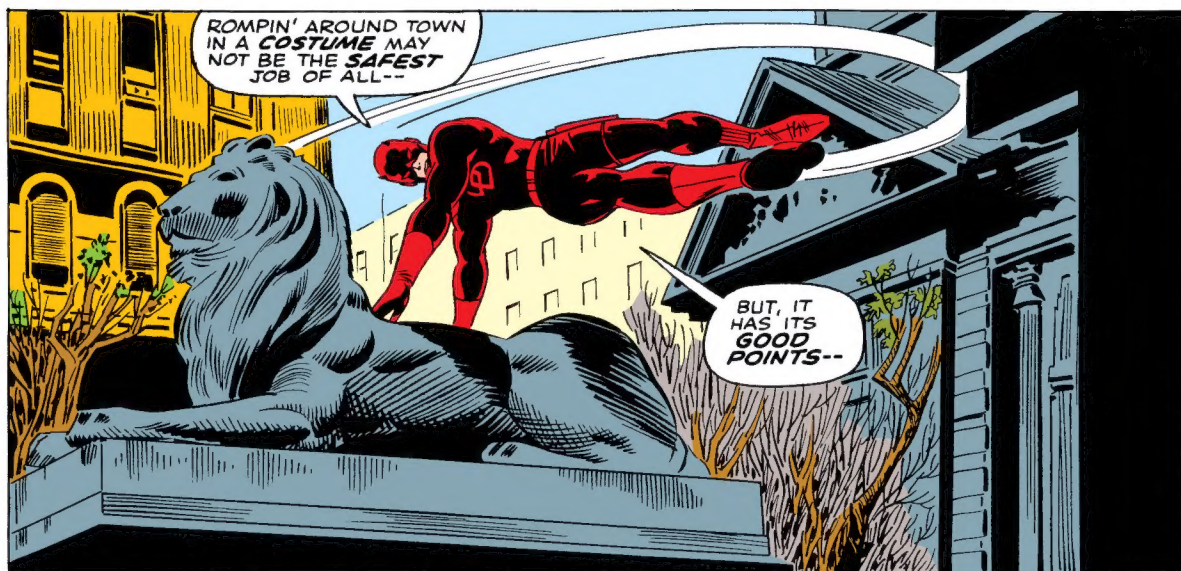
LOTS OF LITTLE LETTERING  
BY: ARTIE SIMEK

I'D BETTER  
RUSH BACK  
TO THE  
OFFICE  
IN CASE  
FOGGY OR  
KAREN NEED  
**MATT  
MURDOCK**  
FOR  
ANYTHING!

WHEN YOU  
OR I COMMUTE  
TO WORK, TIGER,  
WE'RE APT TO TAKE  
A BUS, A TAXI, OR A  
TRAIN! IN FACT, WE  
MIGHT EVEN WALK!  
BUT, WHEN YOU'RE A  
SWING-A-DINGIN'  
SUPER-HERO LIKE  
OL' DD--WELL,  
JUST WATCH--











I'D BETTER CHANGE TO **MATT MURDOCK** FAST, AND THEN--  
**NO!**

JUST FOR KICKS, I'LL BECOME MATTHEW'S FRANTIC, FAST-TALKIN' **TWIN BROTHER!**

I'M BEGINNING TO ENJOY THE ROLE OF MADCAP **MICHAEL MURDOCK!**

I GUESS I'M REALLY AS BIG A **"HE"** IS!



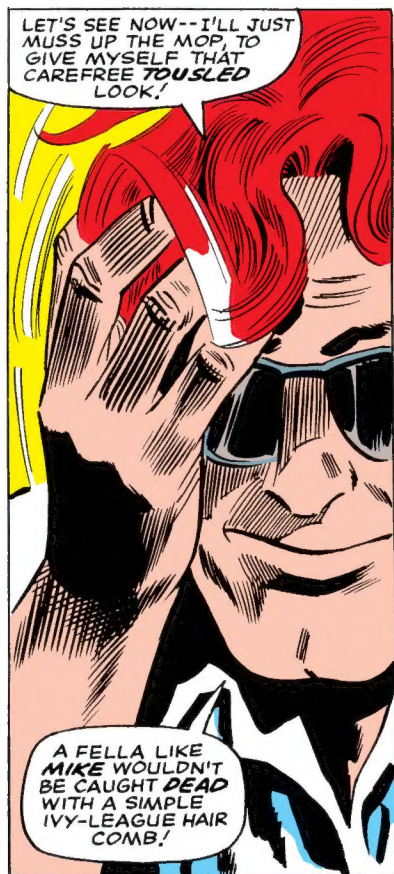
ANYWAY, IF ANYONE **SAW** **OL' DD** SWINGIN' IN THRU THE WINDOW, THIS'LL HELP TO CONVINCE 'EM THAT THE FEARLESS ONE REALLY **IS** BROTHER **MIKE!**

I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL LIKE A ONE-MAN **REPERTORY THEATRE!**

FIRST, I'M CONSERVATIVE **MATT MURDOCK**, THE BLIND COURTROOM WHIZ! THEN, I'M ALSO DAZZLIN' **DD**, THE DARLIN' OF THE SWASHBUCKLIN' SET!

AND FINALLY, TO KEEP ANYONE FROM LINKING ME WITH **HORNHEAD**, I'VE BECOME **MIKE MURDOCK**, MY OWN MAKE-BELIEVE **TWIN BROTHER!**

WHEN THEY FINALLY PUT ME OUT TO **PASTURE**, IN THAT OLD SUPER-HERO HAVEN UP YONDER, THEY'LL PROBABLY GET **ALEC GUINNESS** TO PLAY MY LIFE STORY!



LET'S SEE NOW--I'LL JUST MUSS UP THE MOP, TO GIVE MYSELF THAT CAREFREE **TOUSLED** LOOK!

A FELLA LIKE **MIKE** WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD WITH A SIMPLE IVY-LEAGUE HAIR COMB!



AND, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE MY SPECS A COFFEE BREAK FOR A WHILE, AS I COVER MY SIGHTLESS EYES IN A MORE **COLORFUL** WAY--

IF THE **ATTORNEY-AT-LAW** BUSINESS EVER GETS SLOW, I MIGHT JUST DECIDE TO OPEN A SCHOOL OF **METHOD ACTING!**



YESSIR! **STANISLAVSKY** HAD NOTHING ON ME!

NOW, ALL I'VE GOTTA DO IS CHANGE MY **PERSONALITY!**

I FIGURE A CLOWN LIKE **MIKE MURDOCK** IS SURE TO BE ON ALL THE TIME!





IT'S FUNNY-- I  
EVEN *FEEL* LIKE  
A DIFFERENT  
GUY WHEN I  
"BECOME" MIKE  
MURDOCK!

MAYBE I  
*SHOULD* GIVE  
UP THE  
COSTUMED  
CAVORTER  
JAZZ AND GET  
INTO *SHOW BIZ!*

WHO KNOWS?  
THEY MIGHT  
BE LOOKING  
FOR ANOTHER  
CARY GRANT  
OUT IN  
CELLULOID  
CITY!

I CAN JUST  
SEE MYSELF  
NOW--

"DON'T PUT  
YOUR *ARMS*  
AROUND ME,  
SOPHIA BABY!  
STOP *KISSIN'*  
ME, GINA  
DOLL--!"

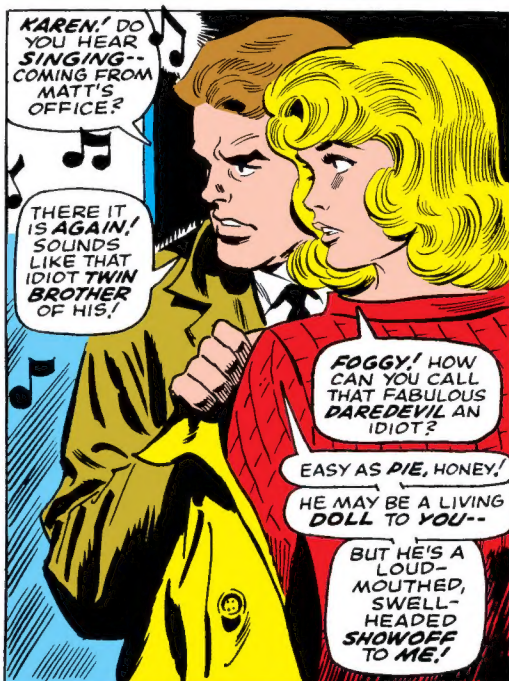
"YOU'RE  
TICKLIN'  
THE  
CLEFT  
IN MY  
CHIN,!"



UH OH! I  
HEAR *FOGGY*  
AND *KAREN*  
PASSING THE  
DOOR! THEY'RE  
JUST *LEAVING!*

WELL, WE'LL  
SEE IF OL'  
MIKE CAN  
DREAM UP  
SOME  
WONDEROUS  
WAY TO  
*STOP 'EM!*

AFTER ALL--  
IF I WENT  
TO ALL THIS  
TROUBLE TO  
BECOME MY  
OWN TWIN  
BROTHER, SOME-  
ONE MIGHT AS  
WELL CATCH  
THE ACT!



KAREN! DO  
YOU HEAR  
*SINGING*--  
COMING FROM  
MATT'S  
OFFICE?

THERE IT  
IS *AGAIN!*  
SOUNDS  
LIKE THAT  
IDIOT *TWIN*  
BROTHER  
OF HIS!

FOGGY! HOW  
CAN YOU CALL  
THAT FABULOUS  
DAREDEVIL AN  
IDIOT?

EASY AS *PIE*, HONEY!

HE MAY BE A LIVING  
DOLL TO YOU--

BUT HE'S A  
LOUD-  
MOUTHED,  
SWELL-  
HEADED  
*SHOWOFF*  
TO ME!



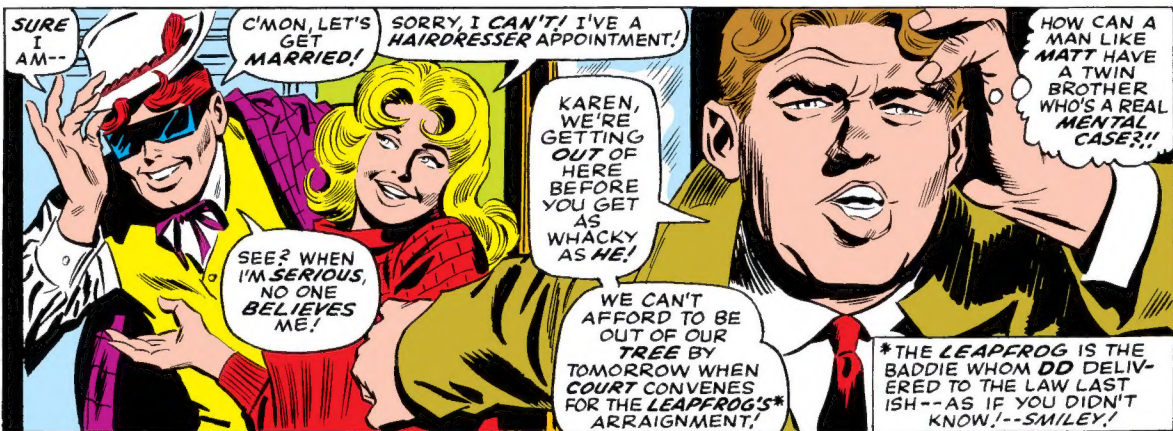
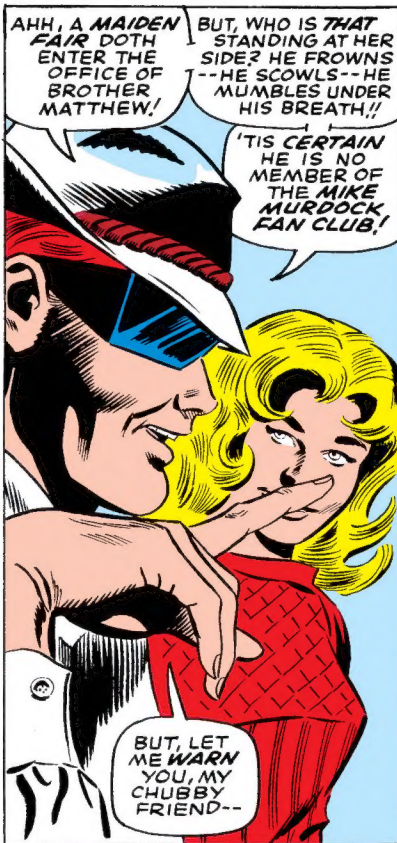
COME IN-- COME IN--  
*WHOOOOO* EVER  
YOU ARE--!

FOGGY!  
IT IS  
MIKE  
MURDOCK!!

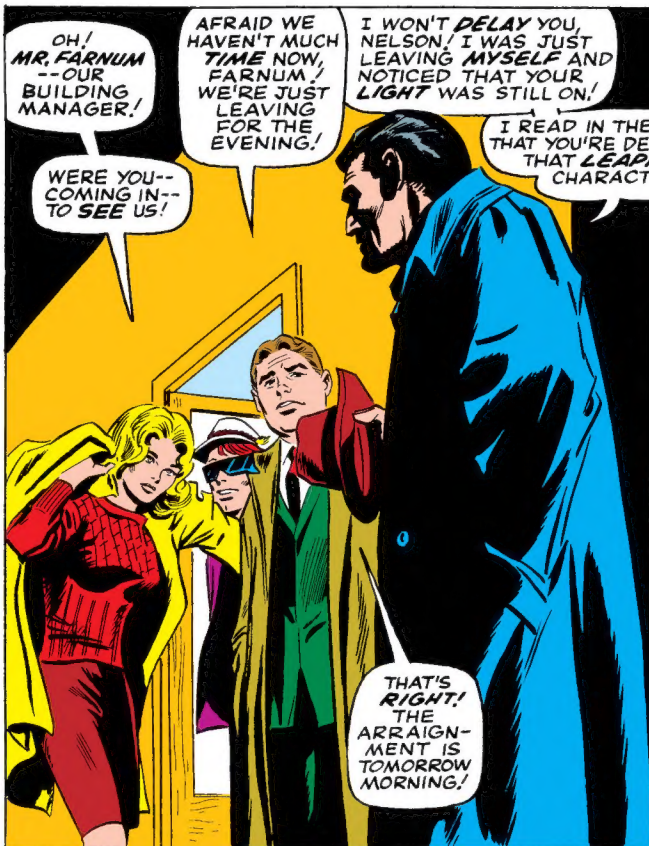
I'M ALL  
*SHOOK-UP*  
ABOUT THE  
WHOLE  
THING!

STICKS 'N STONES'LL  
BREAK MY BONES  
--BUT *WOIIIIIDS*'LL  
NEVER *HOYYYYT*  
ME!









OH!  
MR. FARNUM  
--OUR  
BUILDING  
MANAGER!

WERE YOU--  
COMING IN--  
TO SEE US!

AFRAID WE  
HAVEN'T MUCH  
TIME NOW,  
FARNUM,  
WE'RE JUST  
LEAVING  
FOR THE  
EVENING!

I WON'T *DELAY* YOU,  
NELSON! I WAS JUST  
LEAVING MYSELF AND  
NOTICED THAT YOUR  
LIGHT WAS STILL ON!

I READ IN THE PAPER  
THAT YOU'RE DEFENDING  
THAT *LEAPFROG*  
CHARACTER!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
THE  
ARRAIGN-  
MENT IS  
TOMORROW  
MORNING!

YOU KNOW, THIS IS  
A *RESPECTABLE*  
OFFICE BUILDING!

I'M NOT VERY  
HAPPY ABOUT  
HAVING TENANTS  
WHO SEEM TO BE  
INVOLVED WITH  
SOME OF THE  
MOST *DESPICABLE*  
CRIMINALS  
OF ALL!

NOW, I'M A BROAD-  
MINDED MAN, BUT  
*MUST* YOU  
DEFEND SUCH  
CUT-THROATS AND  
KNAVES?

PERSONALLY, I'M PARTIAL TO  
*CORPORATION LAW*, FARNUM--  
BUT, SINCE YOU ASKED ME--

IN *THIS*  
NATION, EVERY  
MAN IS PRE-  
SUMED  
*INNOCENT*  
UNTIL PROVEN  
GUILTY--

AND, ANYONE WHO  
COMES TO TRIAL  
IS ENTITLED TO THE  
*BEST DEFENSE*  
AVAILABLE--WHICH  
IS WHAT *NELSON*  
AND *MURDOCK*  
WILL SEE THAT  
HE GETS!

AND NOW--  
IF YOU'LL  
EXCUSE US--!

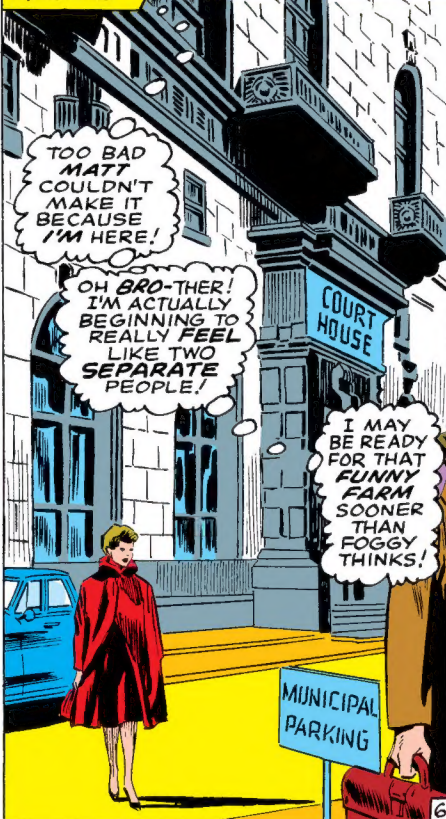
ATTA BOY, CHUBBINS!  
YOU'RE NOT AS SQUARE  
AS YOU LOOK!

YOU MAY HAVE TALKED  
YOURSELF OUT OF YOUR  
LEASE--BUT OL' MIKE'S  
*PROUD OF YA!*

WELL, SEE  
YOU IN  
COURT  
TOMORRA,  
DAD!

I WAS  
AFRAID  
YOU'D  
SAY THAT!

THEN, BRIGHT AND EARLY THE NEXT  
MORNING--



TOO BAD  
MATT  
COULDN'T  
MAKE IT  
BECAUSE  
I'M HERE!

OH BRO-THER!  
I'M ACTUALLY  
BEGINNING TO  
REALLY FEEL  
LIKE TWO  
SEPARATE  
PEOPLE!

I MAY  
BE READY  
FOR THAT  
*FUNNY*  
*FARM*  
SOONER  
THAN  
FOGGY  
THINKS!

MUNICIPAL  
PARKING



WHILE INSIDE, THE CROWDED CORRIDORS ARE RIFE WITH RUMORS AND SPECULATION--

HOW COME NELSON IS DEFENDING THE LEAP-FROG-- INSTEAD OF MATT MURDOCK?

MISTER, MY JOB IS TO GUARD THIS DOOR! ONE LAWYER'S THE SAME AS ANOTHER TO ME!

MAYBE NELSON'S TIRED OF MURDOCK ALWAYS GRABBIN' THE SPOT-LIGHT?

I WONDER WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THERE NOW?

AND, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PANELLLED OAK DOOR--

THIS IS FOR THE BIRDS! A GUY COULD FALL ASLEEP IN HERE--

I SUPPOSE THE ROUTINE PROCESS OF COURTROOM PROCEDURE WOULD SEEM DULL-- TO A MAN LIKE YOU, MIKE--!

ALTHOUGH YOUR BROTHER, MATT, WOULD BE IN HIS ELEMENT HERE!

I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY HE ASKED FOGGY TO MAKE THE OPENING PRESENTATION?

POOR FOGGY WOULD RATHER SINK HIS TEETH INTO A JUICY CORPORATION TAX CASE ANY DAY!

MATT COULDN'T BE HERE 'CAUSE I DECIDED TO COME AS MIKE--

BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT, LITTLE LADY!

AND NOW-- IF IT PLEASE THE COURT --I SUBMIT EXHIBIT "A"--

--THE ELECTRONICALLY-ACTIVATED SPRING-SOLED SHOES WHICH ENABLED THE LEAP-FROG TO EXECUTE HIS DAZZLING HIGH-JUMPS!

I ASK THE DEFENDANT TO STUDY THIS SHOE, IS IT NOT THE SAME ONE YOU WORE WHEN COMMITTING YOUR CRIMES?

NAH! I NEVER EVEN SAW IT BEFORE!

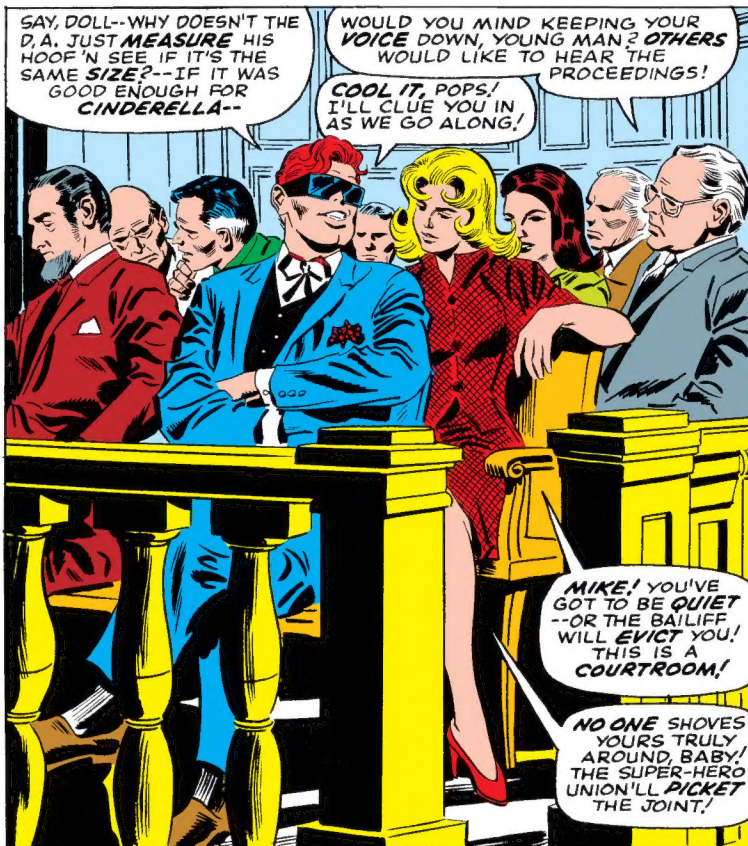
BUT, IT WAS TAKEN FROM YOUR OWN FOOT!

OBJECTION! COUNCIL IS TRYING TO BADGER THE WITNESS!

I'M AS INNOCENT AS A NEW-BORN BABE! I COULDN'T BE THE LEAP-FROG! I'M SCARED OF HEIGHTS!

I EVEN GET AIRSICK STANDIN' ON A THICK RUG!

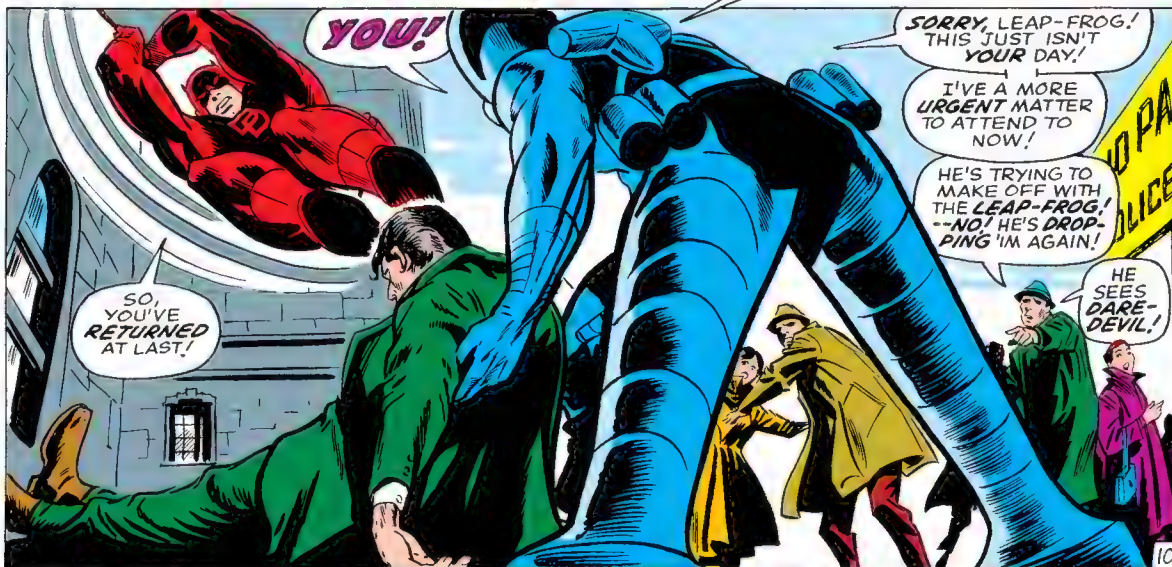
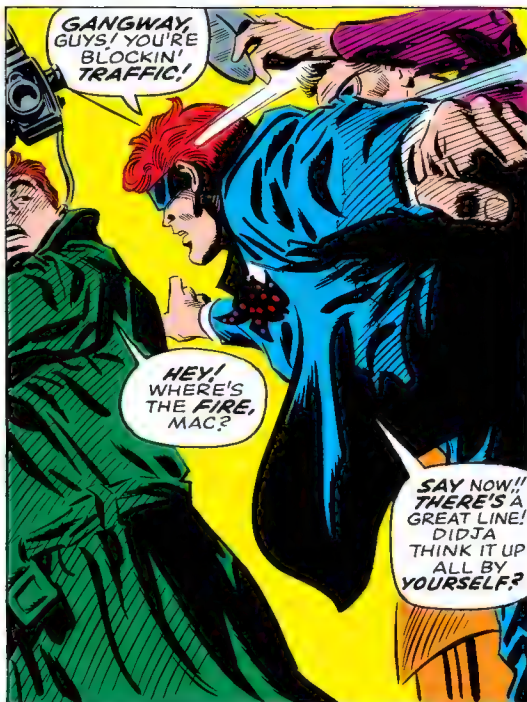




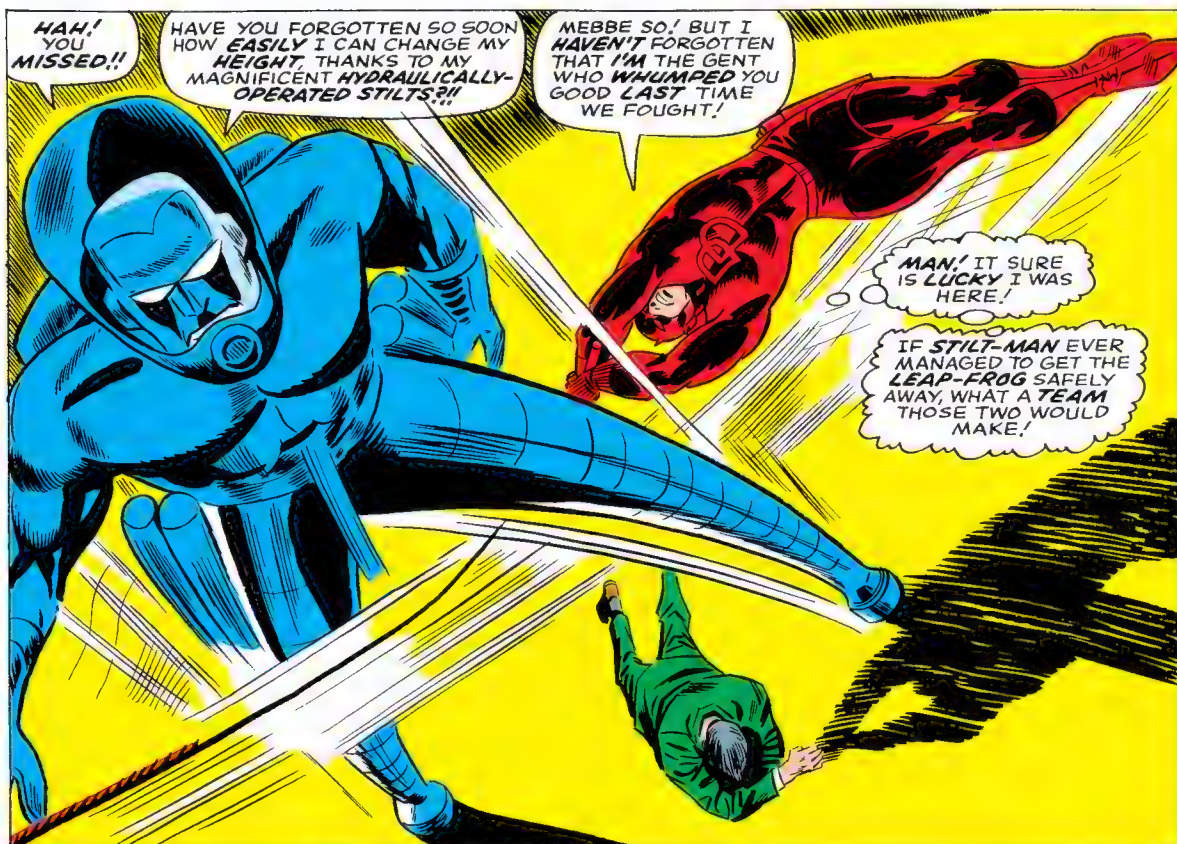












HAH!  
YOU  
MISSED!!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SO SOON  
HOW *EASILY* I CAN CHANGE MY  
HEIGHT, THANKS TO MY  
MAGNIFICENT *HYDRAULICALLY-  
OPERATED STILTS*!!

MEBBE SO! BUT I  
HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN  
THAT I'M THE GENT  
WHO *WHUMPED* YOU  
GOOD *LAST* TIME  
WE FOUGHT!

MAN! IT SURE  
IS *LUCKY* I WAS  
HERE!

IF *STILT-MAN* EVER  
MANAGED TO GET THE  
*LEAP-FROG* SAFELY  
AWAY, WHAT A *TEAM*  
THOSE TWO WOULD  
MAKE!



BUT, I HEAR THE BOYS  
IN BLUE HAULING THAT  
HUMAN JUMPING JACK  
RIGHT NOW!

WHICH  
MEANS  
STILTY  
AND I  
CAN GO  
IT  
ALONE!

HEADS UP,  
DAD! IT'S  
TIME FOR  
*FUN 'N  
GAMES*  
AGAIN!



HAH! DIDN'T  
EXPECT ME  
TO SEIZE  
YOUR *CABLE*,  
DID YOU?

I SHOULD HAVE  
WARNED YOU, LITTLE  
MAN--I'VE *MODIFIED*  
MY PROTECTIVE ARMOR  
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO  
*DOUBLE* MY STRENGTH!

WHICH MEANS  
I'M *MORE* THAN  
A MATCH FOR  
YOUR LIMITED  
TALENTS!!





AND, IN CASE YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME--!

"UNHHH!- I BELIEVE YOU! I BELIEVE YOU!"



WHEW! WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT THESE LOVELY LITTLE LEDGES TO CLING TO?

I'VE GOTTA HANG LOOSE FOR A COUPLE'A SECS UNTIL I GET MY BREATH BACK!

BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT DADDY LONG LEGS OVER THERE ISN'T ABOUT TO WAIT!



AND, IT SEEMS THAT OL' FEARLESS IS A MIGHTY GOOD FORTUNE-TELLER--

COME NOW, MASKED MAN! SURELY YOU DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT THE CROWD GATHERED BELOW!

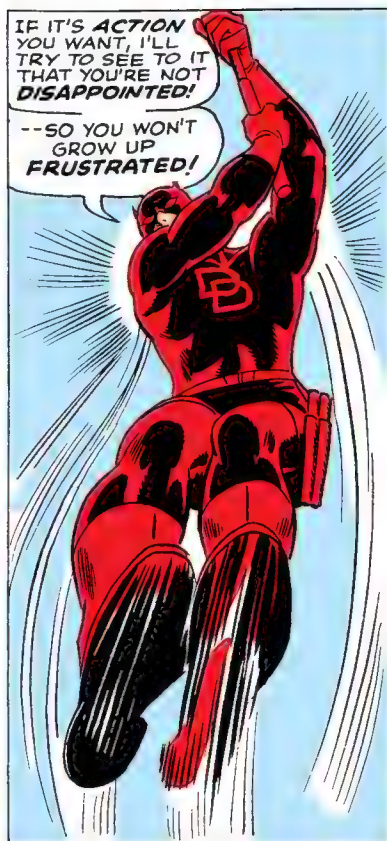
THEY'VE COME TO EXPECT A BETTER PERFORMANCE THAN THAT FROM THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

IT DIDN'T FIGURE THAT THE SENSATIONAL STILT-MAN WOULD REAPPEAR WEAPONLESS, DID IT?



MOVE, YOU CRINGING, COSTUMED CLOWN!! MY NEXT SHOT WON'T MISS!







FORGIVE ME FOR  
ACTING LIKE A  
**ROUGHNECK**,  
OL' BUDDY--

BUT **SOMEBODY'S**  
GOTTA SHAKE YOU  
LOOSE FROM THAT  
**ANTI-SOCIAL**  
BEHAVIOR OF  
YOURS!

**SROOK**

**SPECIAL MEDICAL NOTE:**  
ONE OF THE OCCUPATIONAL  
HAZARDS OF BATTLING A  
SUPER-HERO IS--EVEN IF  
YOU SURVIVE THE ENSUING  
MAYHEM, THERE'S ALWAYS  
THE CHANCE OF INCURRING  
A KING-SIZED **HEADACHE**  
FROM THE **SOUND EFFECTS!**  
--SYMPATHETIC STAN.

AND NOW, BACK TO OUR FANTASY-  
FRAUGHT FUN-FEST--



**WHOOPS! HOLD EVERYTHING!**  
WE JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THOSE FEW UNFORTUNATES WHO NEVER READ DD #8, WE'D BETTER CLUE YOU IN ABOUT THE SENSATIONAL **STILT-MAN!**

HE WAS ONE OF THE USUAL MAD-SCIENTIST-TYPES WHO USED HIS **HYDRAULIC STILTS** AS WEAPONS! BUT, HIS MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON WAS A **MOLECULAR CONDENSER** HE HAD STOLEN--A RAY GUN WHICH COULD SHRINK ANY TARGET INTO ABSOLUTE **NOTHINGNESS!!**

HOWEVER, IN HIS FINAL BATTLE WITH OUR HAPPY-GO-LUCKY HERO, **STILT-MAN** HIMSELF WAS HIT WITH THE FATEFUL RAY! **SEE--?**

I DIDN'T PLAN IT THIS WAY!  
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

I'M GETTING SMALLER!!  
--STARTING TO FADE AWAY!

THERE'S NO ANTIDOTE--  
NOTHING TO STOP ME--!!

HIS VOICE IS GETTING WEAKER!! HE'S SHRINK-  
FASTER--AND FASTER--!

HE'S GONE!

HELP ME--  
--HELP--  
HELP--

WE'D LIKE TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHERE WILBUR DAY HAD VANISHED TO--HONEST! BUT, IT'S SUCH A LONG, INVOLVED EXPLANATION--DEALING WITH THE THEORY OF **RELATIVITY** AND APPLIED **METAPHYSICS**--THAT IT WOULD FILL AN ENTIRE VOLUME! HENCE, WE'LL DO THE NEXT BEST THING--

HE, WHO HAD BEEN **STILT-MAN**, REGAINED HIS NORMAL SIZE ONCE--APPEARING IN THE SAME SPOT HE HAD SHRUNKEN AT, LO THESE MANY MONTHS LATER.

I'M BACK AGAIN--NONE THE WORSE FOR MY HARROWING EXPERIENCE--!

AND, BEST OF ALL--I STILL HAVE THE GREATEST AID TO CRIME EVER DEvised--MY MATCHLESS **HYDRAULIC STILTS!!**

WE'LL MERELY SUM IT UP BY SAYING HE SEEMED TO EXIST IN A STATE OF **TIMELESS LIMBO** UNTIL THE EFFECTS OF THE **MOLECULAR CONDENSER RAY WORE OFF!** AND THEN, WHEN THAT LONG-AWAITED INSTANT ARRIVED--

BUT **THIS TIME**, BEFORE USING THEM AGAIN, I'LL DESIGN A **STRONGER ARMORED COSTUME** TO GO WITH THEM--ONE WHICH WILL MAKE ME TRULY **INVULNERABLE!!**

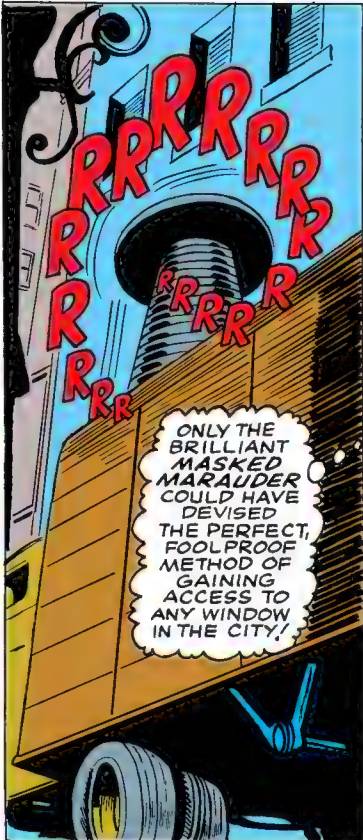


HOWEVER, BEFORE RETURNING TO OUR SCENE OF COMBAT, THERE IS STILL **ANOTHER** DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL BE OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST TO ALL TRUE BELIEVERS--



ONCE I TURN THE CORNER, I'LL BE THERE!

AT THIS LATE HOUR, IN THE SHADOWS OF THE DARKENED SIDE-STREET, THERE'LL BE NO ONE TO SEE ME!



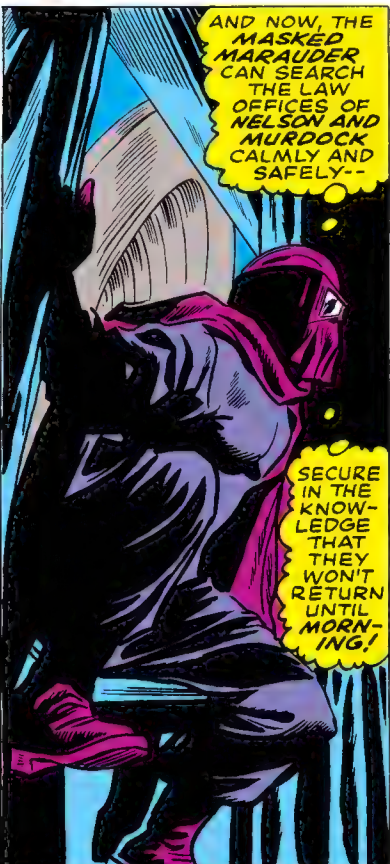
ONLY THE BRILLIANT MASKED MARAUDER COULD HAVE DEVISED THE PERFECT, FOOLPROOF METHOD OF GAINING ACCESS TO ANY WINDOW IN THE CITY!



IT'S ALL SO DEVILISHLY SIMPLE! A HIGH-SPEED HYDRAULIC LIFT, CONCEALED WITHIN MY ARMORED TRUCK--

AND, WITHIN THE LIFT, A SIMPLE VACUUM ELEVATOR OF MY OWN INGENIOUS DESIGN!

AHH! I'VE ALREADY REACHED THE PROPER FLOOR!



AND NOW, THE MASKED MARAUDER CAN SEARCH THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK CALMLY AND SAFELY--

SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WON'T RETURN UNTIL MORNING!



I'VE HAD ENOUGH RUN-INS WITH DAREDEVIL IN THE PAST TO KNOW, BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT, THAT THERE'S SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN MY COSTUMED ENEMY AND NELSON AND MURDOCK!

NOW, WHEN DAREDEVIL LEAST EXPECTS IT, THE TIME HAS COME TO ATTACK HIM ONCE MORE!

AND, IF I CAN JUST LEARN HIS TRUE IDENTITY, I'LL BE ABLE TO STRIKE WHERE HE'S WEAKEST!!

IF ONLY I COULD FIND SOME CLUE HERE--!



HE CAN'T BE FOGGY NELSON! NELSON'S TOO SOFT, TOO FLABBY!

AND HE COULD NEVER BE A BLIND MAN, LIKE MURDOCK!

BUT, I'M SURE THAT THEY KNOW WHO HE IS--!

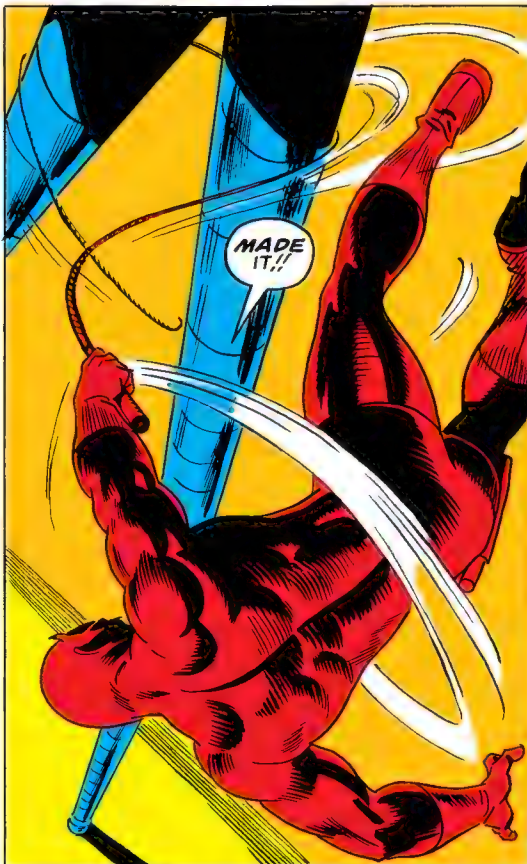
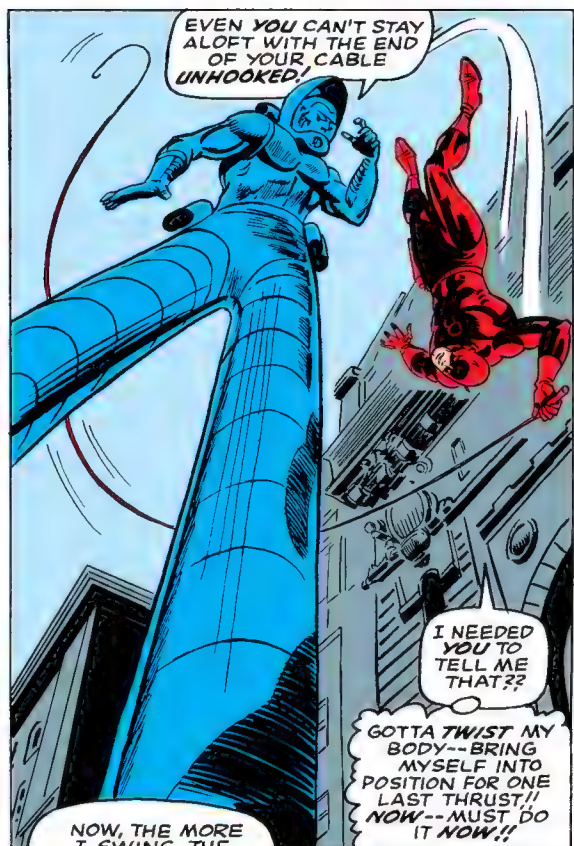
PERHAPS THERE'S A NOTE--JUST A CARELESS LINE--OR A RANDOM PHRASE--!

I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT!!

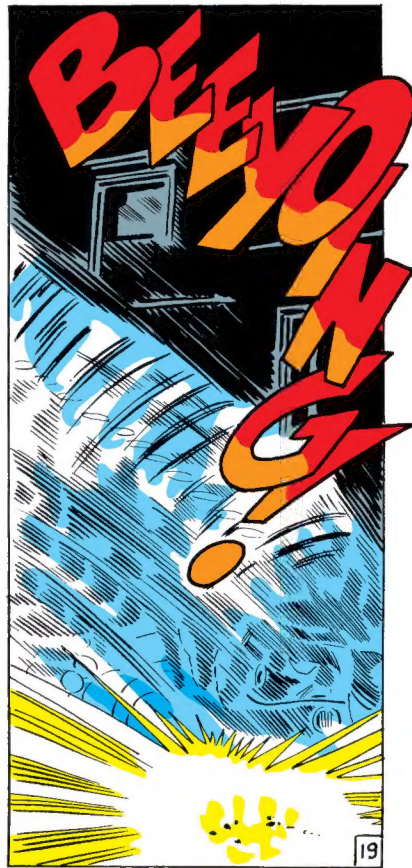
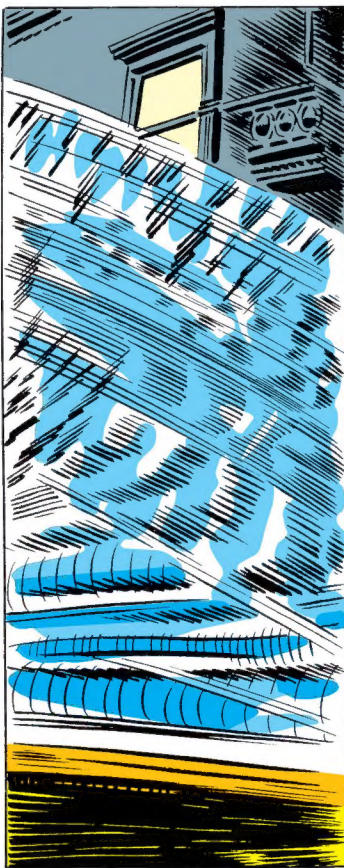
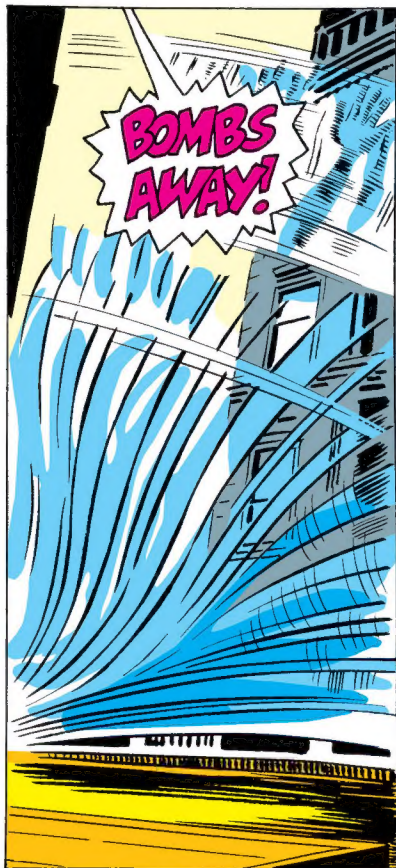
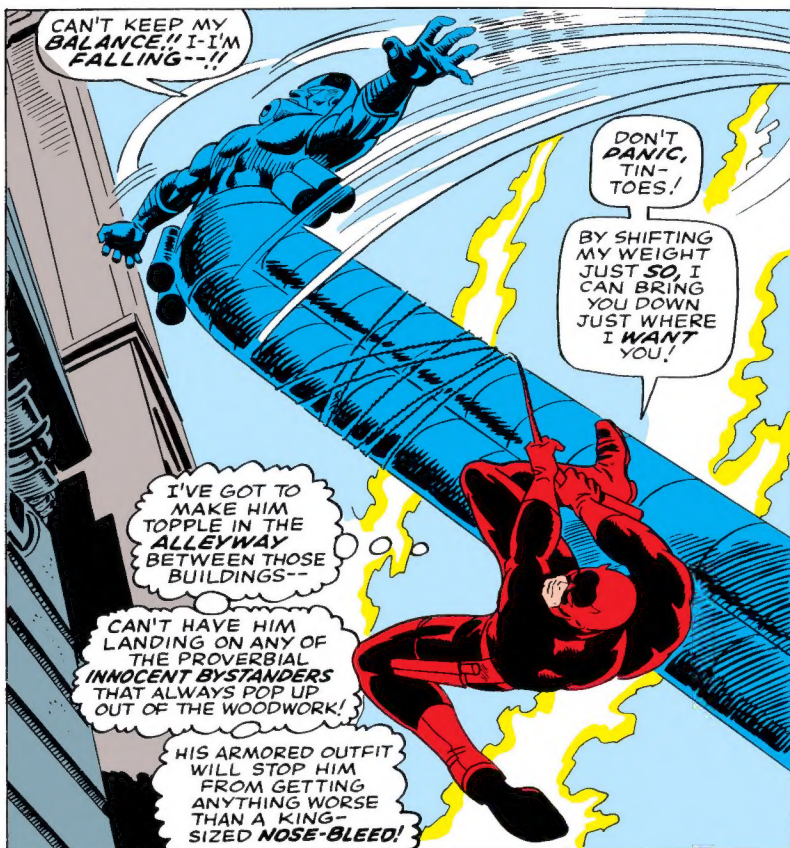














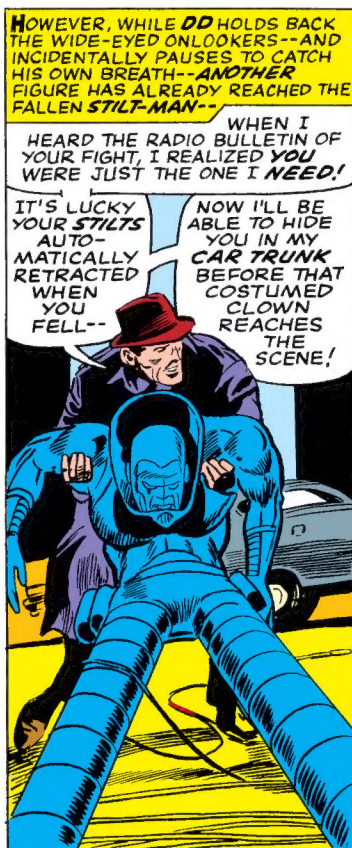


SECONDS LATER--

STAY BACK, AVERAGE TYPICAL CROWD OF PASSERSBY!

IF STILT-MAN IS STILL CONSCIOUS, HE MIGHT BE MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER!

SO, LET YOUR EVER-DUTIFUL, DEATH-DEFYING DAREDEVIL BE THE FIRST TO TURN THE CORNER AND CHECK OUT THE ALLEY!



HOWEVER, WHILE DD HOLDS BACK THE WIDE-EYED ONLOOKERS--AND INCIDENTALLY PAUSES TO CATCH HIS OWN BREATH--ANOTHER FIGURE HAS ALREADY REACHED THE FALLEN STILT-MAN--

WHEN I HEARD THE RADIO BULLETIN OF YOUR FIGHT, I REALIZED YOU WERE JUST THE ONE I NEED!

IT'S LUCKY YOUR STILTS AUTO-MATICALLY RETRACTED WHEN YOU FELL--

NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO HIDE YOU IN MY CAR TRUNK BEFORE THAT COSTUMED CLOWN REACHES THE SCENE!



I DID IT! HE'S SAFELY LOCKED INSIDE THE--OH! DAREDEVIL!

STILT-MAN'S GONE! HE MUST HAVE RECOVERED JUST SECONDS AGO!

FARNUM!! GET THAT CAR OUT OF HERE, MAN! THIS AREA IS DANGEROUS!

STILT-MAN IS ON THE LOOSE! SO TAKE OFF, MISTER!

HE CALLED ME BY NAME! HE KNOWS ME!



HE APPEARED SO SUDDENLY! CAN HE BE--? NO! HIS HEARTBEAT IS DIFFERENT! HE'S NOT LONG-LEGS!

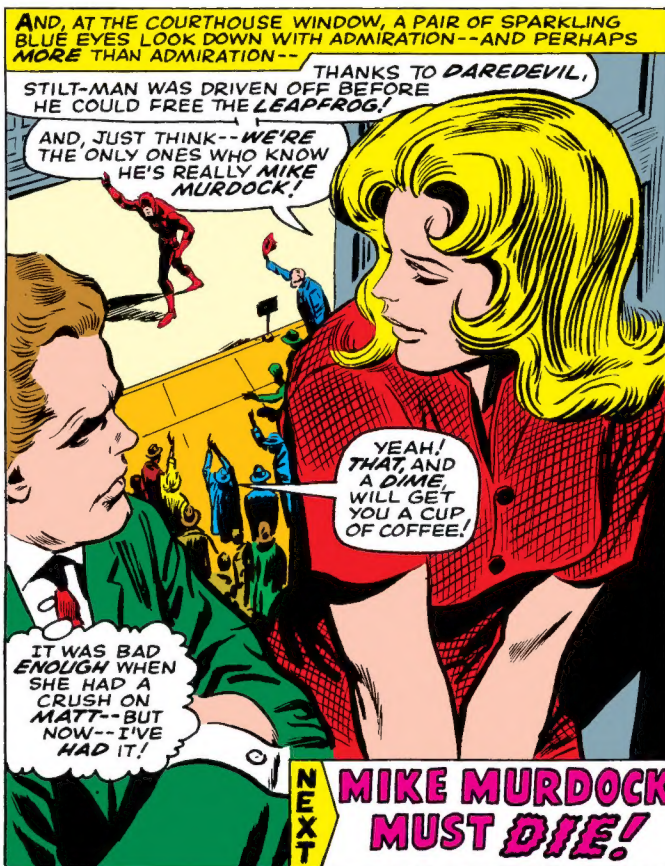
THANKS FOR THE WARNING, DAREDEVIL!

I'M A LOT MORE GRATEFUL THAN YOU SUSPECT, YOU FOOL!

NOW I'M CERTAIN HIS REAL IDENTITY IS THAT OF SOMEONE I KNOW!

ALL I NEED DO IS KEEP THE OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK UNDER OBSERVATION--AND THEN--

SOONER OR LATER, STILT-MAN AND I WILL HAVE HIM!



AND, AT THE COURTHOUSE WINDOW, A PAIR OF SPARKLING BLUE EYES LOOK DOWN WITH ADMIRATION--AND PERHAPS MORE THAN ADMIRATION--

THANKS TO DAREDEVIL, STILT-MAN WAS DRIVEN OFF BEFORE HE COULD FREE THE LEAPFROG!

AND, JUST THINK--WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW HE'S REALLY MIKE MURDOCK!

YEAH! THAT, AND A DIME, WILL GET YOU A CUP OF COFFEE!

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH WHEN SHE HAD A CRUSH ON MATT--BUT NOW--I'VE HAD IT!

NEXT MIKE MURDOCK MUST DIE!



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Dear Stan and Gene,

At least I thought you were friends to all your faithful readers, but friends don't have secrets—especially when the secret benefits both parties. You are keeping secret a wonderful invention from me and all other mothers of Marvel maniacs. (Sure am glad I censor my son's reading material or I would have missed many marvelous hours of reading.) Invention in question—your great "Room Mood Reflector". Come on, fellas, how does it work? I'm moody, too, and would love for the colors in my home to change and reflect these moods. For example, the Madison Ave. offices of Nelson and Murdock (taken from two issues picked at random, #15 and #22)—Issue #15, page 2, panel 3—Walls: orange. Drapes: purple. Cabinets: green. Page 2, panel 6—Walls: cream. Drapes: blue. Issue #22, page 3, panel 3—Walls: blue. Cabinets: orange. Page 15, panel 4—Walls: orange. Drapes: green. Cabinets: blue. I'm using Daredevil as an example because he's the first one I picked out of my son's drawer. But it would have made no difference whom I used, because all your Marvel heroes possess this invention and use it in every issue. (Tried for a no-prize with that sentence but couldn't succeed.) If you will send me a "Room Mood Reflector," I would be glad to pay no amount of money for it, C.O.D.! Thanks for putting "fun" in my censoring (?) task!

Mrs. D. Stocking, 708 Circle Wood Hill  
Park Forest, Ill. 60466

Mrs. Stocking, you're a fabulous, fanciful, full-time pussycat! As soon as we get a new shipment of "Room Mood Reflectors" from our factory in Asgard, we'll send you one for only half-price. (Which is still twice what it would cost at your neighborhood appliance store!) Your letter really broke us up, and we gave Stan G., our absent-minded coloring confuser, twenty punitive lashes with a wet noodle! Face Front, lady—you're our kind'a gal!



Dear Stan and Gene,

Aw, come on! Don't you think you're carrying things a little too far? I mean everyone knows Goliath's identity, Happy Hogan knows Iron Man's, and Spider-Man knows the Hulk's as well as does everyone else. It seems a guy can't put a mask on for 5 minutes till some guy comes over and lifts it. Do you know you're still getting carried away with double initials? For example—Matt Murdock, Peter Parker, Sue Storm, Reed Richards, Bruce Banner, etc.! Why don't you call Cap "Captain Camerica"? Also,

don't you think that Abner Jones, who was the Organizer, looks strangely like Mr. Farnum whom I believe to be the Masked Marauder? Oh, yes, I must compliment you on the Super-Heroes TV show—the only thing wrong is that I've read all the stories!

Alan Friedenthal, 212-21B 73 Ave.  
Bayside, N. Y. 11364

**Wrong, Allie boy? What can be wrong with reading all our stories? As far as we're concerned, it's a sign that all's right with the world—the Marvel world, that is! Anyway, since when is it a crime to like double initials? We're not alone in that department—as Charlie Chaplin, Hubert Humphrey, and Slammin' Sammy Sneed might testify. Besides, it makes it easier for us to remember our characters' names—although there's no truth to the rumor that our leader is changing his own moniker to Lan Lee!—(Wouldja believe Stan See?)**

Dear Stan and Gene,

I just finished reading DAREDEVIL #23, and all I can say is that it was a great fight. All DD had was action, action, and more action. What happened to poor Gladdie on pages 18 and 19? I thought he could slice that lion into salami with those wrist blades of his, but instead he got scared and let Daredevil fight the king of beasts. I'm glad that Gene is going to be DD's permanent penciler. I like the style he uses on his poses. Well, it's time to close. I do hope Ka-Zar and some of Daredevil's old enemies come back soon.

Richard Caro, 1120 Nelson Ave.  
New York, N. Y. 10452

**Sure, it's okay for you to say that, Dick—'cause you don't have to fight 'em! But what about poor, weary DD? What about Stan and Gene, who'll have to figure out how the fearless one can tackle Ka-Zar and the other old enemies you've asked for? However, no sacrifice is too great to make for a Marvel madman—so, keep watching our mags, hear? (Or, better still—keep buying 'em!) It may take like a few years or so—but sooner or later— instant pandemonium! Howzzat?**

Dear Stan and Gene,

Here are a few lazy comments on issue #22, "The Tri-Man Lives!" On page 5, Daredevil is swinging from one building to the next with occasional stop-offs, or rather touchdowns, on parked cars. To quote: "It's kind of hard to travel via billyclub cable this way without attracting a little attention! But it's still a lot cheaper than taking a cab..." Now, that last sentence is what inspired this letter. My question is—cheaper for whom? Those poor drivers will run up quite a bill, having the dents knocked out of their various vehicles. And, if DD's identity is ever revealed, he'll have quite a few lawsuits to contend with wouldn't you say?

J. Acciavatti, 1754 Beacon St  
Brookline, Mass. 02146

**The words you have penned are truly paragons of truth and wisdom, J.A.! But, don't worry about ol' Matt being confronted with too many lawsuits—after**



all, he's a lawyer, right? Think of the far-out story possibilities if Matt Murdock, the lawyer, has to sue Daredevil, the super-hero! We guarantee it'll be one yarn that even Honest Irving won't be able to figure out!

Dear Stan and Gene,

Daredevil must really be the "Man Without Fear" to fight the Gladiator and the Masked Marauder! I'm talking about issue #23, natch. The story was great, and the art and inking were superb. I agree with the fan who said the Ox should return. I hope Ka-Zar comes back, too. The cover of SPIDEY #44 was the best one in a long time. I'm glad the Lizard returned. The cover of F.F. #58 was outstanding, as was the story. I don't know how they'll ever beat Doomsie; but I, and every other Marvelite, knows they will, sooner or later. I hope it's later because I think this should be about a 5-ish series.

Loren Gordon, 23531 Wendover  
Cleveland, Ohio 44121

F.F.? Seems to us we heard those initials before, Loren! Oh yes—of course! They stand for Fearless Foggy—right? (One great thing about these letters pages is the fact that we can be as nutty as we want to—and nobody can answer us back—not till next ish, anyway!)

Dear Stan and Gene,

I have been a fan for a year, and I have noticed that our swinging super-heroes have never had a birthday. I hope that they were born.

Richard DiLiello, 521 Chestnut St.  
Conneaut, Ohio

So do we, Dick—so do we! And, we'll tell you what—soon as one of them *does* have a birthday, you can blow out the candles! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Utter Unselfishness!



Dear Stan and Gene,

When I read DAREDEVIL #23, I thought it was truly a Marvel masterpiece, especially his fight with the Gladiator. I've read almost all of your mags and I won't settle for anything less than Marvel. When I read the letters section in #23, I got a little upset about a letter knocking Marvel mastery. A fan didn't seem to like your new style of DD's foes. He demanded the return of Daredevil's old foes. Personally, I think you should try to dream up new enemies for Daredevil. While you're at it, why not have him team up again with Spidey for an issue. And please try to make Peter Parker's life easier. Before I close, I'd like to quote a rapidly growing statement—Make Mine Marvel!! 'Nuff said?

Jimmy Custer, 7728 Ridge Dr.  
Hyattsville, Md.

To be honest, Jimmy, we ourselves hope to see another DD-Spidey co-starrer in the indeterminate future. However, such a monumental decision, with such far-reaching repercussions and implications, is not to be made frivolously! First, it must be preceded by countless hours of discussion and debate, duly followed by

—uh, excuse us a minute, will ya, frantic one? (—What's that, Gene? You say you saw his letter yesterday and you've already started *drawing* a DD-Spidey team-up? Hoo boy!—) Er, on second thought, Jim lad, there seems to be a slight chance that we can speed up our deliberative processes on the story you want—like, would'ja believe *next ish*?



Dear Stan and Gene,

Aloha from the 50th State! I want to thank you and the Bullpen for the many hours of enjoyment you've given me to make it a really swingin' summer. I read most of your Marvel-ous books, but my favorite is Daredevil. I just fell in love with DD as soon as I laid my eyes on him. The stories you write are always sensational and the art is too beautiful for description! In plain simple words, I think you're doing a terrific job on Daredevil—keep it up! Stan, you might as well know that I wrote this letter for two reasons—to compliment your work on D.D., and to ask a favor of you and the Bullpen. I'd really like to see what handsome Matt Murdock looks like in a future issue! What I mean is having him without his dark glasses or the mask from his Daredevil costume in at least one tiny panel. Now, is that asking too much from the mighty Bullpen? Please take into consideration the favor I've asked you for. Thanks!

Debra Mukai, 5264 Kilauea Ave.  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

We shall consider it carefully, Debbie! We shall weigh all the pros and cons—ponder the social significance involved—and listen to the voice of our conscience! Then, knowing the way our luck's been running, you can unhesitatingly count on us to make the wrong decision!

**NEXT ISH:** This one's a sizzler! Not only do we bring back the Masked Marauder, teaming him up with our sinister Stilt-Man, but we've made a real super-special, wing-dingin' spectacular of it by adding your friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, just for kicks! You'll also see the final, absolute finish of one of our cavortin' characters, plus the usual mixed-up Marvel blend of action, surprises, and startling suspense! That's it, faithful one! Daredevil! Spidey! The Masked Marauder! Stilt-Man! Foggy and Karen, too—all in one fast-moving, power-packed torrent of thrills! If you've nothing better to do with your dime and two coppers (and what could be better?), why not join us when DD #27 hits the newsstands? We've a sly, sneaking suspicion that you might enjoy it! Till then, face front! The best is yet to be!